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1. AS INSTRUCTED, I PRESENTED TO MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL
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SVERKER ASTROM THIS MORNING MATERIALS ON ZIMBABWE
DEVELOPMENT FUND PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM BRITISH EMBASSY IN
STOCKHOLM, ALONG WITH AIDE-MEMOIRE WHICH INCORPORATED
TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REF A.

2. IN REPLY, ASTROM MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(1) GOS HAS LONG HISTORY OF INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS RELATED TO TRANSITIONS FROM COLONIAL ADMINISTRATIONS TO MAJORITY RULE. HE REFERRED TO SWEDISH FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE AND TO ONGOING ASSISTANCE GOS IS LENDING TO RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS;

(2) GOS CONSIDERS THAT HISTORY WILL REGARD TURNING POINT IN RHODESIAN SITUATION TO BE PERSONAL DIPLOMACY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER IN PERSUADING WHITE RHODESIAN REGIME TO ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE WITHIN SPECIFIED TIMEFRAME;

(3) GOS CONTINUES TO HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT GENEVA DISCUSSIONS ON RHODESIA, WHICH WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 17, WILL YET BRING FORTH AGREEMENT AMONG RHODESIAN AFRICAN GROUPS AND SMITH REGIME ON SPECIFIC TIMETABLE FOR TRANSITION TO BLACK RULE;

(4) ALTHOUGH GOS HAS CHanneled ITS SUPPORT TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH BILATERAL MEANS, IT IS FULLY AWARE THAT MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS CHanneled THROUGH MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED IF BLOODSHED AND CHAOS ARE TO BE AVOIDED IN RHODESIA. GOS BELIEVES THE TYPE AND SIZE OF ANY INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE, SUCH AS A ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND, WILL HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON (AND BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF) WHATEVER AGREEMENT COMES OUT OF THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS;

(5) GOS WOULD LOOK UPON SUCH INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS WITH SYMPATHY AND, DEPENDING UPON WHAT SPECIFIC FORM SUCH EFFORTS MAY ASSUME, WOULD HOPE TO BE INVOLVED. IT
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WILL BE NECESSARY, HOWEVER, TO ASSESS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE SUCCESS OF RESUMED DISCUSSIONS AT GENEVA BEFORE ANY COMMITMENTS CAN BE MADE;

(6) GOS AGREES THAT EARLY TRAINING OF AFRICANS IN WIDE VARIETY OF SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAND OWNERSHIP ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL AS IS THE CREATION OF OTHER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS DESIGNED TO INSTILL CONFIDENCE IN BOTH BLACK AND WHITE COMMUNITIES. ASTROM READILY CONCURRED WITH MY OBSERVATION THAT A GENERAL EXODUS OF WHITE RHODESIAN TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL EXPERTISE WOULD BE DISASTROUS AND COULD EASILY SET BACK ANY POSSIBILITY OF A SMOOTH ASSUMPTION OF CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY BY BLACKS.

3. ASTROM INDICATED THAT GOS HAS BEEN AWARE FOR SOME TIME OF US-UK DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE LED UP TO CURRENT PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND. HE SAID GOS WOULD STUDY DOCUMENTATION ON THE FUND NOW

PROVIDED AND WOULD COME BACK TO US IN SOME WEEKS WITH AN OFFICIAL POSITION WHICH, HE ADDED, WOULD BE COMPLETELY CONSTRUCTIVE.

4. COMMENT: ASTROM'S REMARKS INDICATE GOS MAY BE TORN BETWEEN TRADITION OF DIRECT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS (WHICH HAS RESULTED IN HIGH SWEDISH CREDIBILITY AND POSITIVE PROFILE WITHIN NEARLY ALL BLACK LIBERATION GROUPS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA) AND SOME FORM OF INTERNATIONAL EFFORT BY THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED AND ARAB COUNTRIES THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS. INCIDENTALLY, IT WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING TO ME THAT ASTROM WAS AS FAMILIAR WITH THE SPECIFIC US-UK ZIMBABWE FUND PROPOSAL AS HE SEEMED TO BE, INDICATING THAT GOS INTELLIGENCE ON THIS MATTER HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY KEEN. IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO PROVIDE GOS WITH ADDITIONAL MATERIALS RELATED TO FUND FOR SWEDISH CONSIDERATION, IT
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